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Art Unit 2164

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Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 10/050,762; Filed: January 18, 2002

For: Method, System, And Computer Program Product For Classifying Packet Flows With A Bit Mask

Inventors:

MERUGU et al.

Our Ref:

1875.0360001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.114;
- 2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (PTO/SB/30);
- 3. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the RCE filing fee; and
- 4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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**Program Product For Classifying** Packet Flows With A Bit Mask

## Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated February 8, 2005, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 20050129), Applicants request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and herewith submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
  - in ascending order;
  - with status identifiers; and
  - with markings in the currently amended claims; and
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.